

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SEPARATE BUDGET FOR DISABLED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of vision outlines for disabled in the 11th Five Year Plan Document;
- (b) whether there has been demands that issues pertaining to disabled persons should be dealt beyond the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide separate budget for disabled persons for implementation of the various provisions of the Disability Act, 1955; and ;
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

- (a) Major issues identified for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in the XIth Five Year Plan are as under:-
- (i) Review and amend disability legislations to bring them in consonance with UN Convention.
 - (ii) Delineation of clear cut responsibilities between concerned Ministries/Departments and provisions of 3% of the annual outlay for the benefit of Persons with disabilities.
 - (iii) Disability Division of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to be converted into a separate Department.
 - (iv) Strengthening the Office of Chief Commissioner and State Commissioners for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) to ensure better monitoring of utilization of funds and grievances redressal mechanism.
 - (v) Strengthening of National Institutes.
- (b) & (c) Yes Please.
- (d) & (e) Separate budget for schemes relating to Persons with Disability is already being provided.